## **Amendment**

Atty. Docket No. 000287S-00482

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In re application of PHILIP S. GREEN Appln. No. 08/709,930

Filed September 9, 1996

Group Art Unit 2713 For SURGICAL SYSTEM

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- kl Form 1449, Pat. No. 5,209,747

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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